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1. In the course of a sudden political purge, the following Slovene officials were executed on 9 January 1948 at the Ljubljana garrison rifle range:

Stane Cowald

Secretary to Boris Kidric, Slovens Minister of Industry in the Yugoslav Government.

Diehl (micknewed "Tajci")

Chief of UDB for the Maribor district.

Prof. Brago Stepienik

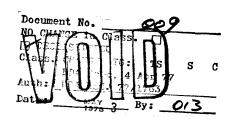
Deputy Minister of Culture in the Slovene

Federal Government.

Dr. Andrej Kopac

Former official of Kranj Savings Bank and a member of the Slovene OF Executive Committee.

2. The Slovene officials mentioned above, together with 21 others executed at the same time, had been accused and found guilty of high treason and espionage against the Fugoelav Government. Engineer Mirko Fibernik, who was also on the list to be executed, consisted suicide. About 150 additional arrests have been made as part of the same purge.





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